

Tenebrae Service

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ,
from the Gospels of *Matthew* and *John*

April 18, 2014

7:00 p.m.

The Silent Reflection

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

The Prelude

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,
and we loved darkness rather than light

God is light, in Whom there is no darkness at all.

For God sent the Son into the world,
not to condemn the world,

but that the world might be saved through Him.

**Every one who does evil hates the light,
and does not come to the light.**

But all who do what is true come to the light.

*The Hymn 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

The Prayer

Most gracious God, look with mercy upon Your family gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of His passion; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:14-35
Hymn 206

This Is the Night
(verses 1 & 2 only)

THE SHADOW OF AN UNSHARED VIGIL

Matthew 26:36-46
Anthem

Thy Will Be Done
Craig Courtney

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

John 18:1-17
Silent Meditation

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

John 18:28-19:16
Hymn 218

Ah, Holy Jesus
(verses 1 & 2 only)

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

John 19:17-25
Hymn 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

John 19:25-30
Silent Meditation

THE SHADOW OF THE TOMB

John 19:31-42
Anthem

I Wonder Why?
Avery, Marsh, Pfautsch

Tolling of the Bell

Silent Dismissal

After the bell has tolled, the congregation is invited
to leave the service in prayer and silence.

About *Tenebrae*

The service of *Tenebrae*, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, *Tenebrae* later came to be an important part of the worship of the medieval common folk during Holy Week. Today we join Christians of many generations and from around the world using the liturgy of *Tenebrae*.

Tenebrae is prolonged meditation on Christ’s sufferings. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays His pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. We ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering through mounting darkness.

Prayer Quilts -You are invited to come to the Church Houses after worship tonight and pray as you tie square knots on prayer quilts made by members of Presbyterian Women. After prayers are said and knots are tied, they will be given to Joan Eck, Bill Remsen, Mary Babinsky, Ralph Myers, Betty Cox and Michael Hynden.

Easter – The Day of Resurrection

6:30 a.m. Easter Dawn Service, Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service, The Presbyterian Church

9:45 a.m. Church School, The Presbyterian Church

Thanks to our readers, Joe Mathias, Della Hall and Brittany Harvey and ushers, Gary and Fidelia Boshears



The Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Allen H. Fisher, Jr., *Pastor*
E. Bruce Harvey, Jr., *Coordinator of Christian Education*
Brittany Harvey, *Director of Youth Ministries*
Mary Ann & Larry Casey, *Choirmasters*
Amy L. Shirk, *Organist*